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REMARKS

Claims 1 has been amended and claims 42 to 44 have been added. Claims 1 and 4 to 44 are now active in this application. The allowablility of claim 13 to 21 and 33 to 38 is noted with appreciation. Please charge any costs to Deposit Account No. 20-0668.

New added claim 42 is essentially a combination of claims 1, 12, and 13, claim 43 is essentially a combination of claim 1, 12 and 14 and claim 44 is essentially a combination of claims 24 and 33.

Claims 1, 4 to 12, 22 to 32 and 39 to 41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brennen et al. (U.S. 5,329,578). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As previously stated, all of the claims require that all of the claimed operations take place at least at the mobile station as opposed to a central or base station as appears to be the case of Brennen et al. This feature permits the subscriber to alter any or all of the claimed features at the mobile station rather than having this function performed at the central or base station and thereby provides the obvious advantages inherent in such capability. In Brennen et al. it is necessary to communicate with the central or base station in order to provide the desired programming whereas the subject invention as claimed allows these functions to be made totally at the mobile station or in combination with the mobile station and another remote location. No such concept is taught or even remotely suggested by Brennen et al.

Claim 1 requires providing a mobile station and, at the mobile station the step of creating a plurality of message response groups. No such step is taught or suggested by Brennen et al. either alone or in the combination as claimed.

Claim 43 includes the features of claims 1, 12 and 14, claim 14 having been indicated to be allowable in combination with the claims from which it depends. Also, the arguments presented above with reference to claims 1 and 12 are incorporated by reference.

Claim 44 includes the features of claims 24 and 33, claim 33 having been indicated to be allowable in combination with the claims from which it depends. Also, the arguments presented above with reference to claim 24 are incorporated by reference.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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